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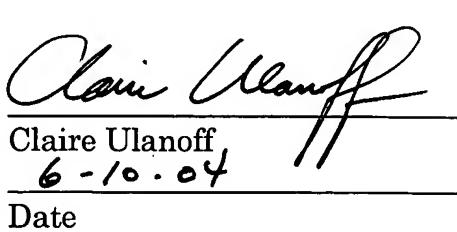
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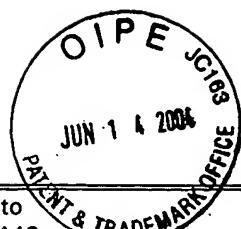
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Exhibit A. Printout from www.helpwantedproductions.com/guitsyn.htm, dated June 4, 2004 entitled "The Roland GR Series Analog Bass and Guitar Synthesizers".

Exhibit B. Printout from www.helpwantedproductions.com/guitsyn.htm, dated January 2, 2003 entitled "The Roland GR Series Analog Bass and Guitar Synthesizers".

Exhibit C. Printout from www.godinguitars.com/grquickstart.htm, dated 6/4/2004 entitled "Godin 13-Pin synth access (SA) guitars and the Roland GR-33", 5 pages.

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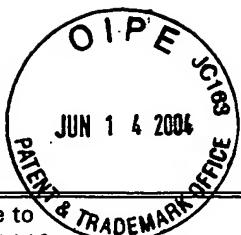
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		Exhibit D. Article from July 2003 Guitar Player Magazine, pages 63-68 entitled "Tech Breakout! Line 6's Variax is the Ultimate Schizophonic Multitasking Guitar".					
		Exhibit E. Website printout dated 5/23/2003 from RiksMusic.com entitled "Line 6 Variax The world's first Digital Modeling Guitar".					
		Exhibit F. Printout from www.line6.com/variax/US/FAQ.asp dated 6/4/2004 regarding Variax entitled "Frequently Asked Questions".					
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